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Clarence S. Brigham,
Librarian

American Antiquarian Society

WORCESTER, MASS.

Sept. 8, 1924

Mr. Howland Wood,
The Amer. Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York City

Howland
Dear Mr. ~~Wood~~:

A few weeks ago I sent you a letter of inquiry regarding some early coins, enclosing in the letter photographs of the same. The owner of these coins comes in to the Library frequently and asks if I have heard from you. Is it possible that my letter miscarried?

Yours very truly,

Clarence S. Brigham

CSB.B

Librarian

September 10th, 1924

Mr. Clarence S. Brigham, Lib.
American Antiquarian Society
Worcester, Mass.

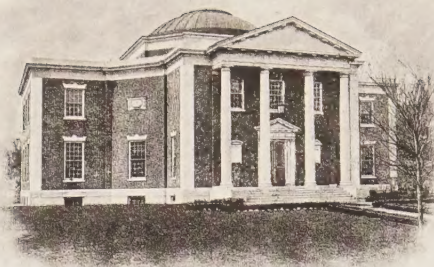
Dear Clarence:

We have looked everywhere in the building and can find no letter and photographs from you. I, myself, have been away more or less this whole summer, but I remember nothing that came from you, so apparently it never reached the Society and "Uncle Sam" is to blame! Is it possible for you to duplicate the photographs and send me a copy of your previous letter? I am very sorry not to have received your communication and trust it can be repeated.

Very truly yours,

Curator

WALDO LINCOLN
PRESIDENT
SAMUEL B. WOODWARD
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AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

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WORCESTER, MASS., U.S.A.

Sept. 29, 1924

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 155th,
New York

Dear Howland:

I suppose that my friend will be rather disappointed in realizing that two of his coins are fakes. The first question that he will ask me is the approximate value of the genuine coin, provided that it is genuine and as good as the photograph shows. I wish that you would give me, in confidence if advisable, an idea of its approximate value. If the coin is worth \$50., he probably will do nothing in the matter. If it is worth \$500., he would undoubtedly sell it and pocket his loss on the other two. I know that he had no intention of getting a valuation, in order to use it for a sale in some other direction. I have told him that he would get the best price from you. He apparently is relying upon my advice in the matter, so I would feel in a better position to tell him what to do if I knew the approximate value of the coin, providing of course that it was genuine and a good specimen. I will not see him until I have heard from you again.

CSB.B

Yours very truly,

Clarence S. Brigham
Librarian

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Clarence S. Brigham,
Librarian

American Antiquarian Society

WORCESTER, MASS.

Oct. 7, 1924

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 155th
New York City

Dear Howland:

Thank you for your letter regarding the value of the gold coin. I will report later to you after I have seen the owner.

I enclose the caricature of Emperor William, which you can keep or discard as you wish, *or use*.

Yours very truly,

Clarence S. Brigham.

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Pat. Pending.

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Clarence S. Brigham,
Librarian

American Antiquarian Society

WORCESTER, MASS. Oct. 21, 1924

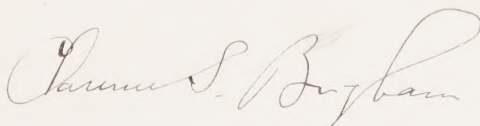
Mr. Howland Wood,
Amer. Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 155th St.,
New York City

Dear Howland:

I have not yet seen my Armenian friend in regard to the early coins. I will write you later regarding this matter.

Today I received a letter from George L. Tilden, regarding Hard Time Tokens, which I thought you might be interested in. If you wish to you can copy it and return it to me, although possibly there will be nothing new in the letter, to you,

Yours very truly,



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Librarian

October 28th, 1924

Clarence S. Brigham, Esq.
American Antiquarian Society
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Clarence:

I am returning Tilden's letter. I find
nothing new in it, but was glad to hear some
recent word on the Hard Time Tokens.

Thanking you for sending along the letter,

Very truly yours,

Curator

WALDO LINCOLN
PRESIDENT
SAMUEL B. WOODWARD
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WORCESTER, MASS., U.S.A.

July 21, 1925

Mr. Howland Wood,
Broadway at 156th St.,
American Numismatic Society,
New York City

Dear Howland:

I am sending under separate cover, insured for \$200., a box containing the three gold coins. I wish that you could get a reply to me before Thursday next as to the very best sum which you could offer cash for these three specimens. Please tell me in the letter what you consider about the genuineness of each coin. I hope that Mr. Martin will realize a fairly good sum on these coins, as he has borrowed \$200. on them and is in desperate financial straits, with a wife in the hospital and five children on his hands. This does not mean that one should pay more than the coins are worth, but there is at least every reason for making as fair an offer as possible.

I am going abroad on August 5th, but doubt if I shall be back in Worcester after July 31, therefore if you can get a reply to me, even if by telegraph, it would help me to get this matter off my mind before I go away.

Yours very truly,

Clarence S. Brigham,

Librarian

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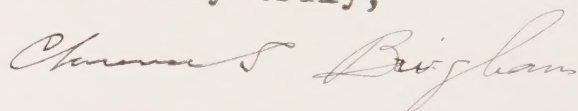
July 28, 1925

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
New York City

Dear Howland:

Thank you very much for the attention that you have given to the three coins. Of course I am sorry for Mr. Martin, but the Loan Company ought never to have loaned him the money on articles which they know nothing about.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Clarence S. Brigham".

CSB.HCB

Librarian

Mr. N
Will you answer this

WALDO LINCOLN
PRESIDENT
SAMUEL B. WOODWARD
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WORCESTER, MASS., U.S.A.

August 11, 1934

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
156th St. & Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Howland:

Is there anyone on your staff who can tell as to the sale value and possible purchaser of three gold coins, photographs of which I enclose. Their exact size is shown in the smaller photograph, while the enlargements show both front and reverse. The owner is a Mr. D.A. Martin of this city, who brought the coins to this country from Macedonia many years ago. The British Museum wrote him desiring to have the coins submitted to them, but he refused to intrust them to any form of transportation. Of course he thinks they are very rare. They are in beautiful condition and bear every evidence of being genuine. Please return the photographs.

Yours very truly,

Clarence S. Brigham
Librarian

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Lampsacus, not rare
M. Anthony very rare
Alexander Great rare to very rare



Lampsacus
c. 400-350
B.C.

M. Antony

Str. by

Q. Domitius

Athenobolus

See under the first.



July 27, 1925

Clarence S. Brigham, Librarian
American Antiquarian Society
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Clarence:

I saw Mr. Newell yesterday and he said at once that all three of these pieces were fakes. My opinion is the same and another person who saw them said they were counterfeits.

I am sorry to tell you this and I am sorry for Mr. Martin.

In consequence, the three pieces are worth only what they would sell for, for old gold, which as you can see would not be very much.

I am returning the pieces under separate cover.

Trusting you will have a pleasant trip to Europe, I remain

Very truly yours

HW C

Surator